

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2014

for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith,  
Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton

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## What is this symbol?



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# What is this symbol?



This is actually the Arabic letter 'n' and it is the symbol which is being daubed on the houses of Christians in Syria and Iraq by the Islamic movement Isis. For Isis it means 'n' for 'Nasrani' – Nasarines in our language or Christians. Isis then target these families (including women and children) with horrific brutality – including beheading and impaling the heads of their victims on stakes as trophies. They are also crucifying Christians.

I am sure that you are all aware of the brutality of Isis following the news coverage particularly since the beheading of the two US journalists and British Aid Worker. However, it is not just Christians and Westerners who are being targeted. It is anyone who does not subscribe to the Isis expression of Islam.

How might we respond? Some of the young Christians I left behind in Manchester are now using the 'Nasrani' symbol to identify themselves on social media as a way of standing with the Christians who are suffering. Certain Aid agencies can be supported financially and it is possible to correspond over the internet with people who are suffering. If you would like to know more check out the 'Open Doors' charity <http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/index.php>

We can also pray. Recently Archbishop Sentamu completed eight days of prayer and fasting for peace and reconciliation in Iraq and Syria. Instead of eight days **I would like to invite the whole community to join me in fasting one meal and praying on Friday 10th October.** We fast in order to empty ourselves of self and focus on the things of God. If you are not used to praying then why not use the Lord's Prayer or 'Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.' These were the prayers which Archbishop Sentamu used. I shall be in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's Aine at 1pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to pray quietly. If you would like to join me you would be very welcome. However we can pray anywhere. What matters is that we do it.

Rev Chris Park  
Vicar



# Family Time Light Night

**Friday 31st October 2014**

**6.00 pm – 8.00pm**

**Wiggington Grange Farm YO32 2RD  
(Home of the Gills)**

- Bonfire**
- Games**
- Nibbles**

**Everyone Welcome** Contact Rev Chris Park: 01347 838122  
or Helen Gill on 01904 768373

## ***TREVOR HARLAND, 1925 - 2014***

Sadly, Trevor Harland, 78, passed away on Wednesday June 11th, a resident of Alne for many years. Trevor started the business of Harland Garden Machinery in Green Hammerton. On retiring he never liked to sit still, so had many hobbies and interests - the National Vintage Tractor Engine Club, Vintage Motor Cycles, and the Yorkshire Museum of Farming amongst others. He was also an avid beekeeper and kept many hives. Trevor will be greatly missed by everyone.

# Community Harvest Festivals this Autumn



St Peter's School 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2pm in St Peter's Church

St Peter's Brafferton Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 3.30pm

St Peter's Brafferton - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm

St Michael's Tollerton – 12<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am

St Mary's Myton – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 4pm.

\*St Mary's Thormanby – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm

St Mary's Alne - 19<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am

Alne School - 20<sup>th</sup> October 10am in St Mary's Church

St Stephen's Aldwark – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30am

We will again be collecting non perishable food to give to the work of the Salvation Army in York.

**\* Please note the date change for Thormanby**

## NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

### Diary Dates

**12 November 2-4 pm:** Come and enjoy Afternoon Tea. Take home some delicious cakes for tea. In aid of Alne church funds.

**7 December:** Easingwold Band Concert with carol singing at St Mary's Church.

**Gift Day:** A further gift of £100 has been received. Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously.

## **Giving Life**

I love my garden, and one of the things that gives me great pride in living here, is how so many other people put a lot of work into their gardens too.



There's something about those green plants and colourful flowers that calls us to endure heat, sore backs, weeds and bugs. It is amazing that we do so for such a short, growing season.

Soon all the plants and flowers, colours and textures, will be gone. Why work so hard for something that is temporary? **Because it gives us life.** Green is the colour of life and growth. It's the colour we wait for throughout the winter. I remember one winter that was so white, I got excited the first time I saw brown earth. Brown, as we know, comes before green. Green is the colour of the plants pushing up out of the earth, reaching for the sun. Green is the colour of the leaf buds, sprouting out on branches. Like those plants and buds, we reach for life.

We work hard to raise our children well, spending so much time preparing a meal that will be eaten and gone an hour later. We sit with God and breathe and pray, even though we're not sure what we have to show for it. **But human beings seek life.** When we stare into the shades of green in the garden or walk in the woods, we receive life. When we dig and plant and even weed, we receive life. The green and the leaves will be gone before we know it, but we will have seen and touched and smelled it. It will have given us life.

Does this ring true for you? Do you receive life when you plant and dig, when you create or build or fix something with your hands? Do you receive life when you're at the river or taking a walk through the fields? Do you pause for a moment and remember God, who created all this beauty and the cycle of life for us all to enjoy? Think about what you do put time into, and ask yourself if it gives you life. If it does, be glad, for God, the giver of life is with you. If it doesn't, God is still with you, but you might reconsider your use of time and energy. Maybe it's something you have to do regardless, but maybe it's something you can change.

In life, there are beginnings and endings. But if we give ourselves to that which gives life, it will not only be worth it - it will be good. Blessings to you all this harvest. Yours in Christ, Carmel xx

## TOLLERTON BEERFEST

**Saturday 25th October** is Tollerton Beerfest! We have organised another fantastic event that will truly entertain. The highlight will be the evening entertainment, as 'HUGE' will be playing. That's correct, the York based, 9 piece band HUGE will be entertaining us all. We will have a range of local beer for the enthusiasts, available from 4pm as the doors open. Our aim is to provide a fantastic event that brings the community together and have fun. Whether you enjoy beer, Hog-roast, or love live music, Tollerton village hall is definitely the place to be on Saturday 25th October. So why not invite friends and family over for an evening not to be missed. Tickets will be available from Tollerton shop, price is £15. This includes a free drink and hog roast. I hope to see you there. Tollerton village hall committee.

## ALNE WI

Bull nose ringers, pig killers, skeps [round beehives], marmalade makers, donkey stones and many, many more items were the "bygones" that Jim Wood brought to our September meeting. There were items from WW2 as well, special bike lights, gas masks including one for a little girl, her name still on the box, and pieces of metal from the Halifax bomber which crashed in Alne, to name but a few. Jim talked about all the exhibits and answered our many questions. We had a brilliant time, then we turned to WI matters; WI Ladies Day at the races in July, Forensic Science evening, Antiques talk by David Harper [TV] and other outings and courses. Our next meeting is Wed 8th Oct. 7.30 in Alne Village Hall, why not try us out? Details on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk)

## 1ST ALNE RAINBOWS

Calling all members of 1st Alne Rainbows, past and present! The Unit is approaching its 10th birthday this November, and to celebrate 10 fun and happy years of Rainbow meetings and activities, we are holding a Birthday Party in Alne Village Hall on **Friday 21st November from 5:45 - 7pm**. This will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop, and a chance to meet up with lots of 'old' friends. We would like to invite anyone who has been a Rainbow with us to come along. We estimate we have had approximately 100 girls through the unit in this time, and hope we have managed to instil the principles of being kind and helpful, at the same time as having fun and adventures in a caring, all-girl environment. Please contact Liz Fox (830127) or Emma Hewison (838046) as soon as possible (but by 14th November at the latest) if you would like to come.

### **TOLLERTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Tollerton Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 7 December in the Village Hall between 3 and 5pm, with a disco, raffle and food. For all children up to primary year 6. Please add your name to the list when it is put up (likely to be November) or email Ann Morrisson at [anmmorrison\\_@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anmmorrison_@hotmail.co.uk).

### **THE PEARSON TRUST**

The Pearson Trust is a small local charity which was established in 1882 to help people in need in the parishes of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton. The charity makes small grants to residents of these villages who are on low incomes and are struggling to meet their everyday living costs or who have a particular need. The charity also makes grants to local organisations for charitable activities which benefit people living in these villages. Applications can be made at any time using the appropriate application form which can be downloaded at [www.tollerton.net](http://www.tollerton.net) or obtained from the secretary Pam Bowes Tel. 01347 838398.

### **ALNE GARDENING CLUB**

It is with deep regret that the Gardening Club in Alne has closed after 40 years. After much deliberation by the Chairman and Committee, it was decided to distribute the remaining Funds to St. Monica's Hospital, Easingwold, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and St. Mary's Church, Alne for the "Roof Fund".

### **ALNE LOCAL AND FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Alne Local and Fair trade Christmas market is on Saturday 22 November, 10 am to 1pm Lots of Christmas goodies to delight your senses – and of course those bacon butties and fairly traded drinks to sustain you while you browse. No entrance fee and no pressure to buy.

### **PARISH EXCHANGE**

Free to a good home: Contact Gudrun 838864

- An aquarium with lights and pump and sand-cascade
- One large wooden cottage kitchen chair with arm-rests

## ALNE VILLAGE HALL News and dates for your diary



The Village Hall is a community asset and any income is ploughed into the maintenance and refurbishment of the building.

Please support our events – or tell us what you'd like to attend! Better still, why not organise an event you'd like to see in the hall?

- **Alnestock:** 22 November further details to follow.
- **Seasonal Wreath-making demonstration:** 26 November, 7:30pm. Chris Brown of Brown Nurseries will be holding a wreath-making workshop in the village hall. All welcome and refreshments served. Check out [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for more information.

## ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP Half Term Holiday Club



Alne Pre-school playgroup are running a half term holiday club for children aged 2 to 11 years. Monday to Friday 27 to 31 October 2014, 8am-6pm (part days available).

Term time places also available

- Brand new purpose built setting within the grounds of Alne Primary School
- All weather outdoor play space with ride on toys, riding track with traffic lights, construction toys, wheelbarrows, sports games and much more
- A fun, caring and stimulating environment with a great range of activities and equipment
- Highly qualified experienced staff
- Ofsted registered
- Funded places for 3 & 4 year olds
- Childcare vouchers accepted

**For more information please contact Dawn - 01347 830 011**  
**Visit our facebook Or email - [alneplaygroup@live.com](mailto:alneplaygroup@live.com)**



## ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

## KIDDY KIT 50/50 SALE

**Saturday 11 October, 10am-noon, Alne Village Hall**

A sale of good quality, used baby and children's clothes, toys, books and nursery equipment, which raises vital funds for Alne Playgroup. There will also be a raffle and cake stall. Come and grab a bag full of bargains or have a good clear out and make some easy money! If you'd like to sell items it's simple:

- Goods are to be for newborn to 11 year olds
- Label everything clearly with your name, price and size/age. All labels must be securely attached (with string, sellotape or safety pins no sticky labels please).
- Pricing items is totally up to you but please remember that items are second hand and people are looking for a bargain
- Bring any items you wish to sell to Alne Village Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October (between 7.00pm – 8.30pm) or on the morning of the sale, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October (9.00am - 9.45am).
- We then collect your labels from items that are sold and use them to calculate how much money you have made. If sold on the day, half of the money goes to the seller and half to Playgroup. For any unnamed goods, the profit all goes to Playgroup.
- If you would like any unsold goods to be returned, please collect them from the Village Hall after the sale (between 12 and 12.30). Otherwise, unclaimed/unsold items will be donated to charity or used to raise further funds for Playgroup.
- We ask that all large items of equipment eg. cots, large outdoor items, car seats, large prams be collected after the sale if unsold.

**For more information please contact Dawn - 01347 830 011**  
**Visit our facebook page Or email - [alneplaygroup@live.com](mailto:alneplaygroup@live.com)**



## Youth News



Over the second weekend of September the church youth group went to Marrick Priory in Swaledale. Marrick is an outdoor pursuits centre. We enjoyed canoeing, raft building, climbing wall and archery to name some of the activities, as well as relaxing and



having a laugh playing games. We also had some inspiring times of worship in the 12<sup>th</sup> century chapel. During this weekend we were joined by Eli Spiller from the United States who will be staying with us for the next academic year. He will be working here in the local church and community. Please make him feel welcome. The church youth group meets on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to know more please contact Rev Chris Park on 383122.

### **MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS**

In addition to the services in the Churches there are also midweek communion services on the last Monday of each month at 2 pm in Oak Trees, Alne and the last Tuesday of each month at 11 am and Alne Hall.

## PRAYER

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church whichever denomination. You are warmly invited to join us at our regular prayer meetings. These take place at:

**Alne:** every Tuesday Morning at 9am in the vicarage with Chris Park 838122.

**Tholthorpe:** every Wednesday Morning at 8.45 – 9.15 am at the Methodist Chapel - with Pam and John Lancaster 838266. All are welcome.

## VILLAGE METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below.

Date	Time	Venue	Details
5 Oct	10.30 am	<i>Huby Methodist Church</i>	<i>Rev Elizabeth Cushion Holy Communion</i>
	3.00 pm	<i>Tholthorpe Methodist Church</i>	<i>Rev Andrew Foster, Harvest Festival</i>
12 Oct	10.30 am	<i>Huby Methodist Church</i>	C Ellis Harvest Festival
	3.00 pm	<i>Alne Hall</i>	<i>Mr Robin Jackson Harvest Festival</i>
19 Oct	10.30 am	<i>Brafferton Helperby</i>	<i>Rev D Wilkes Holy Communion</i>
	3.00 pm	<i>Tholthorpe Methodist Church</i>	<i>Rev Leslie Newton, Café Worship</i>
26 Oct	10.30 am	<i>St Mary's Church Alne</i>	<i>J Hall United Service</i>

### **St Stephen's Aldwark Flower Rota**

Oct – Jenny Rudd

Nov – Sue Southall

**ANGLICAN SERVICES  
OCTOBER 2014**

**Wednesday 1 October**

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Brafferton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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**Sunday 5 October**

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Aldwark	10.30 am	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth
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Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Brafferton	6.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Carmel Gittens
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Myton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
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Thormanby	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Charlotte Cranfield
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Morning Worship	John Rhodes
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**Sunday 12 October**

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Alne	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
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Brafferton	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Carmel Gittens
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Myton	4.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Carmel Gittens
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Deeper	Rev Chris Park
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**Thursday 16 October**

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Thormanby	6.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Rev Chris Park
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**Sunday 19 October**

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Aldwark	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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Alne	10.30 am	Harvest Festival	Carmel Gittens
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Brafferton	10.30 am	Methodist HC	Rev D Wilkes
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Thormanby	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Deeper	Rev Chris Park
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**Sunday 26 October**

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Alne	10.30 am	Methodist	J Hall
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Brafferton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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Myton	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
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Tollerton	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
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**Sunday 2 November**

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Aldwark	10.30 am	Harvest Festival	Rev Chris Park
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